THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (e) The requisite information is being collected from the concerned Universities and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Derailment of train near Kanpur

1933. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a goods train had derailed between Aung and Karbirgwan Railway Stations near Kanpur on 15th July, 1988 as reported in the 'Times of India' dated 16th July, 1988;

(b) if so, what were the causes thereof;

(c) what was the estimated loss of life and property; and

(d) whether any inquiry has since been conducted; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. On 15-7-88, a goods train derailed while passing through Aung station near Kanpur.

(b) to (d) A joint departmental inquiry was conducted into this accident. According to the findings of the Inquiry Committee, the accident occurred due to hot breakage of axle during run.

There was no loss of life. Loss to railway property has been estimated at Rs. 2.96 lakhs.

Inauguration of Civil Aero-medical Centre

1934. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 50 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the probable date of the inauguration of the proposed Civil Aero-medical Centre; and

(b) what advantages would accrue to various aviation agencies from the Aero-medical Centre?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The proposal is still in a preliminary stage and it is too early to fix a date for inauguration of Civil Aero-medical Centre.

(b) Major advantages likely to accrue would be—

(1) saving of considerable time and money by not detailing the crew to the Air Force Medical Centres and private Medical Practitioners;

(2) timely medical examination of civil air crew for selection purpose;

(3) safe maintenance of medical records for renewal of flying licences, etc.;

(4) utilisation of expertise in cases of accident investigation involving human factors, etc.

Coverage of Vitamin a and Folic Acid under Category II of DPCO

1935. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 305 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) what basis on which Vitamin A and Folic Acid in bulk drug are

covered under Category II of Drugs Price Control Order, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that both these drugs were covered under DPCO, 1979 and have been exempted from DPCO, 1987;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price of Vitamin A in bulk has gone up by 100 per cent after decontrolling the prices;

(d) whether it is also a fact that price of single ingredient Vitamin A formulations have also gone up by around 75 per cent;

(e) whether drugs required for National Health Programmes are to be covered under category I according to Drug Policy, 1986 and what are the reasons for which Government did not recommend these drugs;

(f) whether Government are reconsidering this decision; and

(g) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) These drugs were not recommended for price control under Category I. Their inclusion in Category II were as per criteria evolved by the Department of Chemicals who are responsible for enlistment of drugs in the two categories and enforcing of prices.

The new Drugs Price Control Order permits Maximum Allowable Post Manufacturers Expense (MAPE) of 100% for essential drugs included in Category II such as Vitamin 'A'. The apparent increase of MAPE granted for Category II drugs was to boost greater production and abundant availability, specially for drugs which were reported earlier to be in perpetual shortage.

(e) to (g) Maternal and Child Health Programme drugs, including those mentioned, not recommended earlier, are now being evaluated for price control recommendations to the Department of Chemicals for enlistment under Category I of the D.P.C.O., 1987.

Construction of Stadium at Fazilka

1936. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3555 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1987 and state:

(a) what was the total amount of money agreed to be provided by Punjab State Sports Council for construction of stadium at Fazilka, what were the terms and conditions attached thereto and during which period the whole amount was to be released;

(b) what target was fixed for completion of the stadium and in what manner the progress of the work was to be monitored;

(c) what type of control was to be exercised by the Punjab State Sports Council over the spending of the grants released by it to the Municipal Committee Fazilka for constructing the stadium; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the stage and the steps of the stadium, constructed earlier, do not exist today; if so what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) Information called for is awaited from the Govt. of Punjab.